

## Alumni/Student Networking Reception Praised by Pumas

By **Becky Scherer '05**,  
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It's a tradition at Saint Joseph's College to sponsor various career and alumni networking events, aiding interested students in forging connections for possible future employment. In past years, these networking events have been specific to students' majors, but this year, for the first time ever, the College offered an opportunity for upperclassmen in all major fields of study to network with SJC alumni. Patterned after the Business Network receptions hosted by SJC's Business Administration

Department, the Alumni/Student Networking Reception took place at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana, in early October.

Sponsored in conjunction with the College's Career Development Center, fifteen alumni were present to mix and mingle with the twelve student participants. "It was a perfect ratio of students to alumni," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Marketing and event participant **Maureen Egan '90**. "What these students seemed to appreciate most was the advice and conversation outside of their majors and intended careers."

Seeing a need to provide

more opportunities and possibilities to Pumas, the Networking Reception was conceptualized by Hammond, Indiana, native **Kris Costa Sakelaris '82**, who serves on the Alumni Board Executive Committee as the Vice President for Academics, Recruitment, and Placement. "The SJC Alumni Board is continuously seeking ways to be of service to the College," she began. "Informal alumni networking events give the alumni the opportunity to stay in contact with each other and the College, while giving current SJC students a chance to discover and learn of the many career possibilities that await them after graduation."



**Derek Dabrowiak '01** bestows career advice on participants at the College's recent Alumni/Student Networking Reception. Pictured from left to right are Dabrowiak, senior Elementary Education major Sarah Fingerhut, senior English/Creative-Writing major Andrew Costello, and senior International Studies major Elizabeth Genova.



**The Core 7 Faculty Presents: Bharatanatyam**  
A Hindu Dance Performance by Anisha Gohil  
Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 7 p.m.

## Relay for Life Fundraiser Debuts at Saint Joseph's College

The American Cancer Society and students at Saint Joseph's College are rallying together to fight cancer by hosting the first annual Relay for Life event at SJC.

The signature event will be held on October 26-27, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., with a Survivor's Lap beginning at 6:30 p.m. Taking place on the northern end of the College's Intramural Field (between Noll and Gallagher Halls), members of the freshman class comprise the majority of teams, led by upperclassmen and faculty advisors. The event will serve as the volunteer component for the College's Freshman Seminar class. Community members are invited and encouraged to participate, and several clubs and sports teams

are joining, as well, to take part in what promises to be a historical and memorable event. The College is hoping to raise \$25,000 to donate to research to help fight the battle against cancer.

The evening will consist of at least one member of each team walking the track for the duration of the event. Team members are encouraged to walk for as long as they'd like before switching places with an off-track member. There will be many alternative activities for those not walking to enjoy, including bobbing for apples, a hula hoop contest, "bags" tournament, talent show, pumpkin carving contest, and karaoke. Additionally, the evening promises performances from the SJC cheerleaders.

## Prevention of MRSA Threat Proves Simple and Easy

By **Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer**

During the week of September 12, the first warnings were sent out to all students and faculty about a serious health issue. It was concerning the staph infection methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, more commonly known as MRSA. This disease, spread through contact, direct or otherwise, is resistant to most antibiotics. There had been several cases among the residents of Saint Joseph's College. However, the issue has moved to the back of students' minds since

then and it no longer seems to be a large concern to most.

The infection is more commonly present in athletes and hospital patients. Sports like soccer, football, and wrestling are high on the list of suspects for MRSA, but it also occurs in other contact sports. Student athletes are not the only ones at risk, however. It can be transferred to anyone through simple things such as a shared towel or the use of the same equipment.

There have been nine confirmed cases of MRSA infection on campus as of the week of October 14, and no new

cases have occurred in the previous couple of weeks. It is easy, however, to take precautions to avoid getting sick.

"All it takes [to prevent the spread of MRSA] is common sense sort of hygiene," Dean of Students John Keller said.

Washing hands in hot water frequently, doing laundry in hot water with bleach, and not sharing bath products are simply ways that students can be proactive about preventing the spread of MRSA.

"If you're only washing your hands when they are dirty, you're not washing them often enough,"

Keller said. He also encourages students to take advantage of the hand sanitizers in the bathrooms around campus and wipe down equipment before and after use in the Rec Center.

Signs of the infection include suspicious and rapidly changing pimple-like blemishes. They are said to be highly painful and hard, and they change rapidly. If one develops, seek medical attention immediately. The Johnson Health Center is open Monday through Thursday. However, if a suspicious pimple is discovered, and the nurse is unavailable, the Dean urges students not to wait

for Monday to be looked at.

"If students are in need of a ride, security is willing to provide transportation to a doctor in a pinch," said Keller.

MRSA is a dangerous infection that is not confined to the school. It is becoming a problem nationwide. However, students, if they practice good and careful hygiene, can breathe a little easier. Be careful, Pumas, and enjoy a healthy year at Saint Joseph's College.

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# SJC Students Experience Once-in-a-Lifetime Performance Opportunities

By Kathleen Grady, Publications and Media Intern

In an effort to offer a different facet of culture to Saint Joseph's College and the surrounding communities, the Music Department will present three nights of opera as part of the fall entertainment schedule. On the evenings of October 25, 26, and 27, two different casts and two different directors will present two very different performances. First on the bill is The Medium, by Gian Carlo Menotti, directed by Assistant Professor of Music and Choir Director Todd Samra. Following an intermission will be an original opera written by SJC's own Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Paul Geraci entitled The Cask of Amontillado, based on Edgar Allen Poe's short story by the same name. Beginning at 8 p.m. CDT, each show will last between 30 and 60 minutes in the College's newly-remodeled Theatre in the Arts and Science Building. Both performances are in English and are offered to the community at no cost. Due to

violent themes, parental discretion is advised. Both operas are made possible through funding from Gordon and Nancy Klockow and Patrick J. Sheets, MD, PC and MedSpa. The two-act opera The Medium features Elizabeth Bessette, a senior English major from Crown Point, Indiana; Anthony Dyer, a freshman Criminal Justice major from Logansport, Indiana; Paige Popravak, a junior Music Performance major from Chicago, Illinois; Renee Rybolt, a junior Music Performance major from Berne, Indiana; Jacob Wolverton, a senior Music Education major from Lafayette, Indiana; and Sarah Wright, a sophomore Music Education major from Kokomo, Indiana. Behind the scenes, Dani Klosowski, a senior Theatre major from Schaumburg, Illinois, is the assistant director, and Bessette is designing costumes in addition to her performance duties. In the one-act opera The Cask of Amontillado, Joe Stewart, a sophomore English major from Laporte, Indiana, and Casey Tulley, a sophomore Music

and Theatre major from New Haven, Indiana, are featured as the lead roles of Fortunado and Montessor, respectively. Students singing in the chorus are Ben Gilsdorf, a sophomore Music major from Swanton, Ohio; Maggie Hall, a sophomore English major from Hobart, Indiana; Jordan Leising, a freshman Political Science major from Connersville, Indiana; Mary Katherine Simons, a sophomore Music Performance major from Sylvania, Ohio; Bailey Snider, a sophomore History major from Valparaiso, Indiana; and James Winter, a sophomore Music Education major from Valparaiso, Indiana. Cathy Berard, who has worked with the Lafayette Civic Theater, is designing the costumes. Samra and Geraci are both partnered with casts who have exceeded their expectations, and both directors anticipate the three nights of opera to be successful. With Geraci echoing his sentiments, Samra said, "There may not be another event like this for a long time. I hope people take this rare opportunity to come and see an opera for free."

# Comedian Overcomes Unorthodox Settings to Perform a Great Show

By Michael Garrity, Staff Writer

Saint Joseph's College Homecoming weekend was both eventful and exciting and was surely an affair both students and alumni alike will remember. On Saturday night, the Student Union Board (SUB) brought in a special guest comedian named Pete Holmes to entertain the students. To make things even more interesting, he performed on a tiny stage in the middle of the cafeteria during dinner. Holmes has appeared on television a number of times, including on VH1's Best Week Ever and Comedy Central's Premium Blend. His ability to improvise, however, was what helped make his show work. He was always finding ways to interact with the audience and they all went over very well and were quite funny. The viewer response to Holmes was great. Freshmen Political Science major Jordan Leising and Biology Chemistry major Ishan Gohil both agreed that he was "better than K.T. Tatara," which seemed to be an

echoing sentiment around the cafeteria. Holmes seemed to go over just as well with the parents and alumni who were at SJC for the Homecoming weekend. Even the youngsters enjoyed his act, as evidenced by one little boy's active role in Holmes' show. Holmes, himself, seemed to enjoy playing here as much as everyone enjoyed watching him. This was apparently his second time playing in a college cafeteria, but he felt that this show went over much better than his previous effort. He credits the attitude of Mark Brouwer, Coordinator of Student Activities and Intramural Sports, and the willingness of the audience to participate. "It really helps when the audience is willing to get involved," Holmes said afterwards, "No one here seemed afraid to jump in and have fun." For anyone who missed Holmes' act, he can be found performing on YouTube.com. He is also online on both MySpace and Facebook, for anyone else who may be interested in looking into him even more.

## SJC Volunteer Corps Trick Or Treat for the Hungry

Trick or Treating just like the good 'ol days with a new twist!

Trick or Treat for canned goods and help replenish the local food pantry.

Wednesday, October 31 from 6-9 p.m.

Sign up on the Campus Ministry door. Contact Ary Nelson, ext: 6352, with questions.

## “Take Back the Night” Week A Success

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

Deaths due to domestic abuse and violence have numbered 31,260 since 1990. In 1994, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence began a national registry to make people aware of the numbers dying from this crime. "Take Back the Night," sponsored by Puma Women Today, is a week dedicated to the education and awareness of sexual assault and domestic abuse. "We try to bring this information out into the open since it is not something that is talked about very often," said junior Biology-Chemistry major Cheryl Zakowski, president of Puma Women Today, when asked about the goal of "Take Back the Night." The most touching event of the week was a talk from a survivor by the name of Jerry Trudel. Although the abuse occurred when he was just a young boy, it stuck with him even to this day. He went through many years of hiding his feelings and turning to alcohol

before finally accepting them. He then shared some simple statistics concerning sexual assault and explained the falsehood in such statistics, because not every case gets reported. In fact, they rarely do because of the difficulty in actually finding and convicting the felon. Even Trudel's abuser was let off the hook after being convicted by another victim. The unique thing about Trudel's story is the influence his past had with his son. He admitted that he was uneasy at first. He was not quite sure how he was going to go about protecting his little boy. When his son got a bit older, Jerry came up with "guy time." His son could tell him anything and could receive no blame. The rules were simple: all honesty was required, and Trudel could not speak until his son was finished. Guy time made it possible for father and son to share everything with the other and to prevent the same pushing away of feelings that Jerry experienced as a boy. "I thought that he was phenomenal. It was very brave of him to address that kind of

experience not only in a public speech to a group of strangers but also to try and do something about addressing the issue in his life," Becca Shafer, a freshman Theatre major, said. "A small part of you wants to pity him for his past but mostly you just have to admire that man for who he is today and how far he has come. I liked him a lot and was really impressed." There was a candlelight vigil to close out the week. It consisted of songs and prayers dedicated to those who had fallen to the hand of domestic violence. Then each person there rose to light a candle as the name of a victim was read. This really helped put a face on the fallen and give a voice to the silenced. Take Back the Night makes people realize that not everything in this world is perfect, and not all of it is in ones control. However, it also taught that being aware is the first step in the stopping of sexual assault. Keeping an eye out for signs of abuse and being willing to do something about it can be enough to turn someone's life around.

## Congratulations to the Newly Inducted Members of Alpha Lambda Delta

- Students:**  
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Mary Baltes  
Brittany Diedam  
Ryan Drake  
Kyle Fender  
Lori Garcia  
Jaime Gingerich  
Anisha Gohil  
Kathleen Grady  
Tasha Hocking  
Joel Jaeger  
Ben Kalinowski  
Megan Kalman  
Jacqueline Klear  
Rachael Kooi  
Michael Koscielny II  
Nikki LeRose  
Kevin Mackowicz  
Richard Mayer Jr.  
Tara McCauley  
Michele Molden  
Joseph Petrucci  
Nicole Pickens  
Holly Roadruck

- Matthew Rohaly  
Brent Ropp  
Ryan Shaneyfelt  
Annete Sieverding  
Joseph Stewart V  
Stephanie Storer  
Veronica Terkhorn  
Jacob Teshka  
Joy Torres Durso  
Jeremiah Tworek  
Victor Valdez  
Shannon Williams  
Jeffry Wisler  
**Honorary Members:**  
Jennifer Coy  
Jerry McKim  
Rick O'Dette





## Shouldn't Homecomings be Joyous?

By Brent J. Houlding, *Opinion Editor*

I'm glad to see you all survived the craziness that was Homecoming '07. Today I'll be dwelling a bit on that very topic, a touch o' sports, and campus-wide hauntings. Also, make sure you check out our costume contest-information below. Go!

Homecoming was... interesting. I'm overjoyed that we won our game, and I was also impressed by the turnout for the Columbian Players reunion in the new theatre. I heard good things about the comedian and that the alumni were pleased. However, a few things also disappointed me. Now, I have been out of high school for four years, and I learned long ago that college is not high school in any way and that I should not expect it to be. That being said, though, I think our Homecoming has a lot it could learn from high schools nationwide. First off, festivities. At most high schools, Homecoming is a week-long celebration complete with dress-up contests every day, rallies, and special food in the cafeteria. And here, Homecoming was a week long...excuse to drink on Monday without being labeled an alcoholic? I know that we may be a bit beyond "Hawaiian dress" day and pep rallies, but that doesn't mean we can't up the level of our activities for the week. How about a different entertainer every day? How about a talent show to complement the one in the fall? How about one-time sporting contests, like a "Pass, Punt, Kick" competition? More could be done. Secondly, vandalism. At most high schools, it's a tradition to place "For Sale" signs in the school's yard and TP the trees. These things are normally done in good humor and are regarded as cheeky and obligatory parts of the week. Instead, we have decorative staircase adornments being stolen and signs being bashed off their supports. Not



Above: A perfect example of a theme day full of excitement. Below: Dorm TP'ing? Now that's classy! (Thanks to <http://silverchips.mbhs.edu/gr/feb2007/IMG6673.jpg>)

that amusing. Lastly, Homecoming King and Queen. First off, let me say that I mean no offense to any of the winners, for they were fairly elected, and there's nothing to say that under a different system they wouldn't have won regardless. However, from what I know, very few votes were cast, and very few people even nominated. Why not go to an e-mail-supported system, or perhaps a Facebook (side note to complement my previous article: I was trout slapped on Facebook today) application for these things. Most people may not have been motivated to e-mail nominees and hoof it to the Caf to make the effort to vote, but were it integrated more into their everyday lives, and perhaps a prize were offered to a random voter, participation would surely be increased. Or, how about passing out ballots in Core lectures? Everyone should (keyword there is should) be there, thus giving a much fairer estimation. A list of all students of the year could be passed out in the first lecture of the week, and everyone could be given a chance to nominate five members of each gender. Then, at the second lecture, voters could pick one off the list after it had been pared down to five.

Quickly, a bit of sports. Football: Can anyone stop New England? Can Miami stop anyone? I look for each team to get just one loss or win, respectively. Oh, and as a Packers fan: still not afraid of the Bears. In baseball: Rockies in five, although a sweep would be legendary. In college football: no...just...no...even my P.E. minor doesn't give me the qualifications to try and sort that mess out.

Finally, hauntings. As I'm sure most of you know by now, Saint Joseph's College is reputed to be one of the most haunted places in the country. But how many of the stories are legitimate? Now, personally, I love hearing ghost stories, and usually don't believe any of them. I've heard 'em all, but look for alternate explanations. So far, I've lived down the hall from an allegedly violent spook (exorcism remnant, ya know) without any ill effect. I've also lived in one of the Merlini rooms facing Dwenger that's supposedly a danger, and spent a large portion of my four years in the highly-haunted theatre. Although I did have a hat I was supposed to wear for a show very mysteriously disappear. Hmm... Anywho, I fail to see the truth in any of these rumors. Be it the Dwenger ghou, the baby of Halas, the ghost of Lake Banet, or one of the whole host of others that are said to populate our campus, I've never seen any evidence. Have you had an experience that validates the stories? E-mail 'em and we'll put 'em in the next issue. 'Til then, have a happy Halloween!



Don't let this happen to you! (Thanks to [www.celebrating-halloween.com](http://www.celebrating-halloween.com))

## Contest! Alert! Contest Time! Read to Win!!!

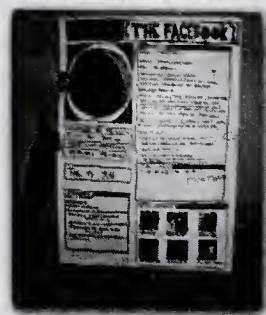
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It's contest time! It's been a while. In fact, to the best of my knowledge, there hasn't been any sort of contest held by *The Observer* since my freshman year. Well, it's time to change that. By the time any of you see this issue, it will be less than a week before that most high of college holidays, Halloween. It will undoubtedly be the biggest night of drunken debauchery since, well, Homecoming. Ah, the contest, you ask. Well, if you can find sometime amidst the wacky partying and inevitable toilet-paper-related hijinks to actually dress up, *The Observer* would like to see it. That's right, it's a costume contest.

There will be three categories available: most creative costume, best nostalgic costume, and coolest costume. Having the coolest costume will net you twenty dollars in the form of a Walmart gift certificate, while the other two categories could net you ten a piece. It may

not be much, but when the leftover candy hits clearance, five bucks could get you a long way. The submission deadline is Friday, November 2, at midnight. Submissions can be emailed to me at [bhk5502@saintjoe.edu](mailto:bhk5502@saintjoe.edu), handed to me in person, or left in the Observer mailbox on the third floor of our beloved Halleck Center. Winners will be announced in the next issue. To the side are examples of each category.

(Void where prohibited. Contest limited to literate submitters. Not valid in Turkmenistan and Vietnam. Animals may not submit. Prizes unlikely to change, but we reserve the right anyway. Judging is subjective, so don't get too uppity if you lose. *Observer* editors not eligible to win. Amusing photos will probably be printed, regardless of their winning. Go Packers. All rules valid despite severe sarcasm. Sorry Turkmenistanese readers.)



(All thanks to CollegeHumor.com)

## What Part of Illegal is Confusing?

By Jacob Teska, *Guest Columnist*

Merriam Webster defines illegal as an action that is "not according to or authorized by law" So, when we speak about "illegal immigration," we are literally talking about immigrants who come to this country in a way that is not in accordance with United States law. We can conclude, then, that those who support or defend illegal immigration are in fact supporting and defending a criminal action. These people have no respect for the law.

Many will say that without the 12 million plus illegal immigrants in this country, our economy would collapse because illegal immigrants will take jobs that average Americans will not take. Even if this were true (which it is not), then it is a problem with Americans' lack of humility and not one that we need illegal immigrants to fix. In October 2007, the government reported a 4.4 percent national unemployment rate. Those 4.4 percent of Americans need to climb down from their high horses and take jobs that may not be preferable or pleasant. Besides that, why would an employer in a capitalistic society such as ours hire an American citizen when he or she could hire an illegal immigrant and pay them next to nothing for the same work? I digress.

There is no denying that illegal immigrants cause more harm than they do good in this country. For starters, there is a huge black market for fake social security numbers and forged visas. The use of these fake documents by illegal immigrants makes it nearly impossible for the government to keep track of who is in this country, which is a huge detriment to our national security programs.

Illegal immigrants also put a huge strain on the American health care system. In some hospitals in California, they have had to create separate E.R. waiting rooms for those who are insured and those who are not because illegal immigrants can go to the E.R. and be treated for the slightest illness for free. So, if you defend illegal immigration, then you have no right to complain about high health care costs.

I am not saying that every illegal immigrant is a bad person, though they are technically criminals. There is, however, a huge number of illegal immigrants who come to this country and get involved in gangs and drug trafficking. There is a story out of Arizona in which one man has reportedly been convicted of felonies (mostly drug-related) and deported five times. He came back to this country and is now on trial for a double homicide. These are some of the problems with subpar border control.

Everyone is talking about "immigration reform." This is just ludicrous. Those who want to offer "amnesty" to illegal immigrants in this country are basically rewarding them for the crimes that they have committed.

This would send a message that it is O.K. to break the law. In fact, it is better than O.K... It is good, and, for your transgressions, we offer you amnesty and a path to citizenship. Not if I have anything to say about it.

The laws in this country regarding illegal immigrants are in place. They just need to be enforced. Yes, it would be quite difficult to round up all of the illegal immigrants and ship them home. In Arizona, however, they have cracked down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, sticking them with enormous fines and, in some cases, jail time. Do you know what the result has been? Illegal immigrants have been abdicating in droves. If they cannot work, they will not stay. What they need to do is go back to their own countries and fight for their freedoms, better wages and against corruption in their country. This is why I say we do not need "immigration reform." We need immigration enforcement.

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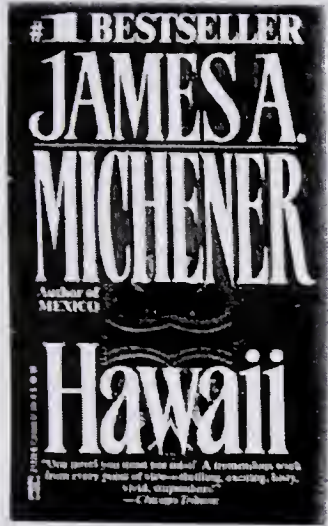
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# Tales from the Tropics in *Hawaii*

By Erika Rowshan, Staff Writer



Extremely boring book covers make coming up with sarcastic comments extremely difficult. I'm being post-modern. I'm making a sarcastic comment about making sarcastic comments. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~aahobor/Lucy-Day/Images/Covers-50/Hawaii.jpg>)

James A. Michener is one of my absolute favorite recently-discovered authors! I picked up *Hawaii* a couple of summers ago while I was (ironically enough) stuck in an airport in Maui, Hawaii. I was desperately bored and needed something to do while my father, sister, and I were waiting on our plane to finally arrive and take us back home again. I figured I might as well pick up a book about Hawaii as a reminder of our vacation, and I am certainly glad that I found a Michener novel to keep me thoroughly entertained on the long plane ride back home.

*Hawaii* is a sweeping epic that one might expect from such a great historical writer as James A. Michener. In what I have found to be typical Michener fashion, the novel starts out in the primordial history before any island of Hawaii ever existed. Michener typically starts his novels by going far back into time and taking the reader through a bit of a geographical history lesson, so to speak. I absolutely love this aspect of Michener's novels because of the fact that I am something of a fan of history in the first place. I have always claimed historical fiction as my favorite genre, and Michener does not disappoint when delivering historical information to the reader.

After taking the reader through a very interesting prologue in which he truly attempts to describe the geography (and oftentimes creatures and animals that lived at the time), Michener moves on to tell the story of a rather ancient island couple named Terero and Malama who lived on an island in Bora Bora thousands of years ago. Through different chains of events that I shall not say (since someone *may* actually want to read the novel), Terero and a small group of islanders leave Bora Bora to find somewhere different. These are the fictional human "founders" of Hawaii so to speak.

The novel continues to tell the stories of Christian ministers from Massachusetts who travel to Hawaii in the 1820s in order to help the "heathens" of Hawaii. I found this particular story arc to

be quite interesting, and I fell in love with many of the characters portrayed in it. I especially enjoyed this section of the novel because of the fact that I think it did an excellent job of showing just how much Christian missionaries can and do change societies that they go into. Sometimes these changes are good, but oftentimes they can have negative consequences.

Another intriguing aspect of the missionary story arc is seeing how each of the Christian missionaries changes. Nearly all of the missionary families become rather strong influentially and financially in Hawaii, and most of the missionaries do end up owning various parts of the islands. Instead of bringing God to Hawaii, many of the missionaries become a part of the islands themselves. This sort of reversal is something that I found to be quite interesting.

The novel progresses and includes yet another story arc in which the reader is introduced to Chinese immigrants who come to live and work for the now owners (and former missionaries) of many of the lands and farms in Hawaii. Once again, I found myself quite intrigued by the different characters that Michener introduced, and I thoroughly loved this story arc, as well.

Michener has a way of tying the stories of many different types of people from many different time periods together and still making the story run smoothly. Michener is a wonderful storyteller, and that is why I find myself picking up new Michener novels, of which there are many, all the time. Although I do highly recommend *Hawaii* to anyone who may be interested in history, religion, Hawaii itself, or simply great stories, I must warn that it is quite a long novel to undertake. At 1,036 pages (in my copy), it was not a fast read. Nevertheless, if you want to read a truly exciting, entertaining, and interesting tale and learn a thing or two about Hawaiian history in the progress, I truly do recommend trying out a little Michener!

I give *Hawaii*: ★★★★★

# Blood, Guts, and Transvestites: Halloween Cinema at its Finest

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

Halloween has arrived, and thus it's time for people of all ages across the country to scare themselves silly. Haunted Houses open across the land, pumpkins are mutilated in various ways, and the College campus is overwhelmed by paranoid ghost stories. I've made it a goal to add at least another three of them to the local canon. And I'm sure I can get plenty of people to believe them.

Possibly the most popular way to induce scares and get into the spirit of the holiday is cinema. Horror movies have long been a staple of Hollywood, ever since the days when Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff terrorized audiences as classic monsters like Dracula and the Mummy. Over the years, Horror has become a goldmine for the movie industry, with a never-ending audience. As long as there are young people willing to pay eight bucks to be scared, there will be horror movies.

Since they're so readily successful, no matter what the quality, most scary movies these days are of dubious quality. And by dubious quality, I mean they're absolutely atrocious. Currently, most of these movies fall into two categories. They're either movies that scare the audience by things constantly jumping out and going "Boo!", or they wallow in a sewer of gore, leaving the audience feeling dirty and needing some theater equivalent of air-sickness bags. *Saw IV* is the latest in the latter category of movies and has become a new Halloween tradition, at least for Hollywood.

These movies will continue to come out like clockwork, the occasional good, but mostly the bad and gruesomely ugly. For

those tired of this endless stream of mediocrity, or those just looking for another good scare, here is a list of some classic movies befitting any Halloween.

### 1. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (1974)

Subjected to a far inferior remake a few years ago, the original *Chainsaw Massacre* is still one of the landmark films in horror cinema. The entire proceedings resemble some twisted home movie, as seemingly innocuous individuals are subjected to increasingly horrifying situations. The amateur level of acting simply adds to the atmosphere, making things seem just a little too real.

The "monsters" of the movie spawned a long string of imitators. The family of cannibalistic maniacs, headed by the mute, chainsaw wielding Leatherface, makes for unsettling viewing even when they're not preparing people for dinner. The infamous dinner scene is still one of the most disturbing and terrifying moments in film, and all without a single drop of gore within sight.

### 2. *Silence of the Lambs*

Not traditionally considered a horror movie, this is another tale of cannibals and killers that will disturb anyone with an open mind. A mind that can be served with fava beans and a nice Chianti. Anthony Hopkins plays his most famous role as serial killer Hannibal Lecter, a man who balances culture and psychosis. He's not even the villain, leaving the main attraction to Buffalo Bill, a man who takes cross-dressing to horrifying new levels.

The film is a staple of pop culture and infinitely referenced, but it still has the same impact it

did over a decade ago. Skins still crawl whenever Hannibal makes his famous slurping noise.

### 3. *Rocky Horror Picture Show*

So it's cheating a bit. *Rocky Horror Picture Show* is not horrifying in any traditional sense. However, any movie that features Tim Curry in drag and encourages random people to do likewise is at least a little disturbing and unnerving.

If you're in college and haven't heard of *Rocky Horror*, you're a pitiful virgin. And I don't mean in the sense of not having sex. The film is one of the greatest group experiences in movies, being a ridiculous musical about a transvestite named Frankfurter who creates the perfect man while also entertaining, and seducing, a young couple. It's the most popular midnight movie ever, with a cult following devoted to dressing like their favorite characters, shouting out comments, and throwing props during the film.

This list should provide a starting point for any Halloween movie fest. These aren't the only good Halloween movies out there, and even the bad ones can provide some great unintentional humor. It doesn't really matter what you watch, as long as you embrace one of the greatest holidays, when grown men and women can dress up any way they want and not receive dirty looks.

**Correction:** Last issue 3:10 to Yuma showed only 3 stars. It was supposed to receive 4. Apparently, one of the stars managed to escape somewhere between The Observer office and the printer.

# Bringing *Justice* to the Dance Floor

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

French techno is a genre that screams annoying and pretentious. The name itself evokes images of bored-looking people standing in a dank club, clutching half-finished cigarettes, listening to some repetitive beat interrupted with the occasional random hiccup in the sequence every hour or so. Music that is nothing close to danceable unless the listeners are under the influence of some illicit substances. And nothing you'd want to listen to outside of a dance club.

The French techo duo Justice obliterates any such notions. Having already found success abroad with remixes and collaborations, the duo released its first album, comprised of both brand new material and previously released singles. The album is simply titled *†*, called *Cross* for those who don't like using cryptic symbols. While some songs have biblically epic

names, the music is definitely not some wimpy Christian rock. This is hardcore dance that will obliterate eardrums.

The album starts with the appropriately titled "Genesis," a song that has a stuttering start, just enough to fill the dance floor, before it takes off. The rest of the album barely stops for rest, sequenced so that every song bleeds into the next, leaving 48 minutes straight of music. Highlights include "Let There Be Light," "Phantom," "Phantom Pt. II," and "Stress." "D.A.N.C.E." is the potential crossover hit of the record, being a tribute to Michael Jackson that sounds like a spiritual remix of a long-lost Jackson 5 single.

Almost the entire album is instrumental, but the lack of vocals is to the record's advantage. The sounds themselves are metallic, loud, driving, and energetic. Lyrics



Apparently Jesus also endorses techno. Apparently he really did turn water into funk. (Photo courtesy of <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Justicecross.jpg>)

would only get in the way of the music. This becomes obvious on the one song with proper vocals, "†hree Ppaarrttyy," which is the low point of the album. It drops the speed to a near halt, and includes some of the most benign rapping heard in ages.

The record soon recovers its energy, however, and powers on through the last few songs. It's an exhilarating rush that will make anyone ready to dance, even those who don't appreciate techno. While maybe not a religious experience, *†* is still a thrill and earns: ★★★★★



FEATURES

# Hauntings, Hershey's, and Hijinks: A Survivor's Guide to Halloween

By Michael Joseph Buno, Staff Writer

Editor's Note: *Somehow, an entire page of The Observer has been reduced to dubious advice columns this week. It's all part of this editor's greater plan to destroy journalistic credibility one page at a time. If anyone utilizes the advice on this page, please take many photos and submit them both for publication and blackmail purposes.*

You may be thinking to yourself right now, "hey, Halloween's less than a week away, and I don't know what to do." I'm in the same boat as you. However, I sought the guidance of my near and dear friend to address your questions. This man is Shabby, my advice-giving alter-ego, and I want you to give him the same attention you give me. (Editor: *Therefore, none at all.*)

Dear Shabby,  
I always find myself unable to decide what I want to wear for Halloween every year. Do you have any costume ideas?  
Signed,  
Confused in Canton, Age 13

Dear Confused,  
The best costumes are the ones that are the most original. For example, anyone can go as a police officer, a cowboy, or a Native American. However, find three more of your mates to join you and suddenly you have yourself a makeshift version of The Village People. Sing "Macho Man" up and down the streets as you flaunt your garish costumes; no one will look at you with your five male friends and wonder if they accidentally stumbled into 1979. (Editor: *They'll assume you've just come from the local gay bar. Or Core XI.*)  
Here's an idea: you can dress like your favorite teacher and sit back as the Brownie points come

rolling in. There are many stories from this college alone that prove this fact.  
Five years ago, student Willie McWilliams went as Dr. Peter Watkins for Halloween. He proceeded to get As in every single one of his classes without ever completing a single homework assignment or attending a single class. (Editor: *Believe me, this doesn't work. I've tried it. All I got was a rock.*)  
In 1998, Betty Petty emulated the Director of Dining Services (school records do not reveal a name, a date of birth, or a current asylum of residence.) She received 10,000 Puma Points and was switched to meal plan X, which gives students not only unlimited meals, but also the ability to swipe others in, cut in lines, and serve food to themselves. In addition, Plan Xers have 24/7 cafeteria access, which comes in handy when you run out of beef stir-fry in your room. (Editor: *Apparently being in the cafeteria after-hours is potentially dangerous, however. Beef and human flesh taste about the same when slathered in barbecue sauce.*)  
Just last year, freshman Joe Blow dressed up as Dr. David Chattin, the school's provost. Blow immediately received his degree with only two months of college education. (Editor: *What he leaves out is that Joe Blow was majoring in keggers and flunking.*)  
One thing that has been overdone is the idea of the "sexy" costume, such as the sexy Catholic school girl, nurse, firefighter, punk rock girl, zombie, dog, cow, and mailbox. It's time for people to come up with new ideas; have you ever seen anyone go for Halloween as a sexy emo kid? No, because it's impossible to distinguish different personalities when your

attire never changes. To dress like an emo kid, consult your nearest Hot Topic location or My Chemical Romance music video. (Editor: *Or keep your eyes open. This campus has more emo kids than 10 malls combined.*)  
Dear Shabby,  
Is it okay to perform pranks on Halloween? I'm a college kid, and I don't want to get into too much trouble.  
Signed,  
Devilish in Dallas, Age 20

Dear Devilish,  
Not only is it okay, it is encouraged. Like the notion of costumes, the more original you are, the more positive feedback you will receive. Instead of shooting people with silly string, try nitrous oxide. Barrage a house with Fabergé eggs. Give your friends chocolate laxatives disguised as brownies. What matters most about a prank is that you're having fun and that no one suffers any fatal injuries. The fun officially stops once the cops get involved. (Editor: *I disagree. Permanent and potentially fatal injuries aren't funny; they're hilarious. You just have to know how to hide the bodies and plead the fifth.*)  
Dear Shabby,  
What is the most interesting way you've ever seen a pumpkin carved?  
Signed,  
Befuddled in Bristol, Age 67

Dear Befuddled,  
With a knife. (Editor: *Where's a rimshot when you need one?*)  
Dear Shabby,  
My relationship has been on the rocks lately; I'm thinking about talking to her about my concerns with her, but I don't want to upset her. What should I do?



If you still can't think of a costume, try going as Ghost Rider. It just requires gasoline, matches, an exposed head, and extreme stupidity. (<http://thephoenix.com/OutsideTheFrame/content/binary/ghost-rider-poster-0.jpg>)

Signed,  
Mystified in Missoula, Age 41

Dear Mystified:  
Wrong topic. Next... (Editor: *If you want relationship advice that will ruin your life, please send questions to Antigone, e-mail listed below. Really, please send questions. She's been crying and hugging that platypus since nobody will send her questions.*)

Dear Shabby,  
Is my house haunted?  
Signed,  
Scared in Slidell, Age 54

Dear Scared,  
No.  
Dear Shabby,  
Is my house haunted?  
Signed,  
Frightened in Freeport, Age 38

Dear Frightened,  
Yes.  
Dear Shabby,  
What is the easiest way to get the most candy?  
Signed,  
Hungry in Houston, Age 7

Dear Hungry,  
The answer is very simple: buy your own. What if you don't have any money, you may ask? Steal the concealed firearm stowed away in your dad's sock drawer and hold up the house of your choosing. The best part is that you can demand either money or candy. Never has a ransom tasted so delicious. (Editor: *My favorite method of getting "candy" money is blackmailing my writers and readers. Which reminds me, please send me any salacious or scandalous photos or video you may have for "publication."*)

I hope that all of these tips from Shabby guide you in the right direction to have a successful and fun Halloween experience. If they don't, there's always next year, unless you stupidly committed a felony, in which case there's always the next 8-10 years.  
Editor's Note: *Since this is the third article for our new malcontent, I thought it was about time to ask you, the readers, if you are yet sufficiently horrified or offended. Please send all comments, criticisms, and death threats to gnk5569@saintjoe.edu, and I'll pass them along. Or print them in the next issue, depending on how hilarious they are. I need something to fill up space. Being productive and having to write violates my religion.*  
*Also, since Halloween is descending upon us like a plague of rabid squirrels, I thought it was a good idea to give some friendly advice. If you trick or treat, stop. You're in college. Unless it's for the hungry, it's getting pretty pathetic. Also, if you plan on scaring anybody, just dress up as as a world leader, because nothing is scarier than the people we're letting run this planet.*

## Ask Antigone

By Antigone, Staff Writer



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/antigone.jpg>)

Dear Antigone,  
Why does the Café food suck so much, especially on the weekends?  
Will-kill-for-some-good-food

Dear Will-Kill,  
This is a question I have often pondered, but have never found

the answer for, but I do have a few theories. My first one is that the personnel at the café all assume that we are masochists, and are therefore trying to help us on our path of self-torture by feeding us bad food. Another theory I have is that the cooks in the café assume that we like the food there since we all keep eating it. Of course this also leads me to another theory which is basically that the cooks do not know how to cook.

My favorite theory is that the café is actually some kind of government experiment where they are trying to see under what food situations a person can live through. So just remember, your taste buds may be dying now, but in the future, people will be able to live through a nuclear

holocaust because of your sacrifice.



The cafeteria's new secret ingredient. Now with 90% more mutation! (Photo courtesy of [http://www.armeniadiaspora.net/images/B23\\_051004waste.jpg](http://www.armeniadiaspora.net/images/B23_051004waste.jpg))

Dear Antigone,  
How many Professors does it take to screw in a light bulb?  
In-the-Dark

Dear Dark,  
This is actually an often pondered question among many college students, and I have to

thank you for asking it. The truth is that Professors do not know how to screw in light bulbs. I know what you are thinking, "But Antigone, how can my professor not know how to screw in a light bulb, they have a PhD?" I know it is hard to believe, but it is true. You see, most professors failed the class Light Bulb Screwing 101, but were able to 'bribe' their professor (who coincidentally could not screw in a light bulb) into giving them a passing grade.

Still do not believe me? Let me give you this as proof. You may not know this, but my father Oedipus was actually a professor at a small college before he went off the deep end, and he did not know how to screw in a light bulb (On a side note, my father did know how to make his own alcohol, and I have often wondered if maybe he had made a bad batch right before he bedded his own

mother). I actually spent a week in the dark because he would not come up the stairs to put in a new one. I finally had to do it myself, at great risk of my health.  
So now you know the ultra-sad truth, sadder than even than a certain person on campus having her brother breakup with her. So the next time some asks you the question how many professors does it take to screw in a light bulb, look that person and the eye and proudly say, none, they put a work order into maintenance so it will be done sometime next fall.

Dear Readers,  
Thank you as always for reading this column, but for next week can one of you find it in your hearts to actually send me a question. I think people were getting scared this morning when I was accosting them for questions. I would also like to take this time to say that I have nothing against the cooks in the café, they are all nice people who work very hard at their jobs, even if we cannot see it.  
Antigone



# For Football, Conference Title Still A Possibility

By Andrew Costello,  
Sports Editor

With a month left in the season, the Pumas are fighting for their livelihood. After starting the season 0-4, then enjoying a nice winning streak over Kentucky State and Missouri-Rolla, the Pumas currently sit 3-5 and 2-1 in the Great Lakes Football Conference.

The Pumas faced the Dragons of Tiffin University on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and, as expected, it took until the final plays of the fourth quarter before the winner could be decided. Unfortunately for SJC, the Dragons scored on advantageous field position resulting from a blotched punt. A 17-13 Tiffin victory dealt a blow to the campaign to repeat as GLFC conference champs.

Senior quarterback Anthony Lindsey kept the Pumas offense afloat with a 177-yard performance, completing 12 of 26 passing attempts. Senior wide receiver Dan Paulsen contributed to his athletic resume with SJC's lone touchdown and 107-yard performance, his 11<sup>th</sup> career game with at least 100 receiving yards. Senior running back Greg Ford led the ground assault with 58-yards on 18 carries. Freshman defensive back David Wallace and senior defensive back DeQwan Young orchestrated the defense with 9 and 8 tackles, respectively, while junior



The defense was solid for most of the game. (All photos courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.:78.)

defensive back Rob Perricone added to his long list of tackles for loss. Junior kicker Michael Binder contributed with two field goals as well.

Despite the tough loss against Tiffin, Paulsen was convinced that the Pumas were still alive in the hunt for another conference title. "It is going to be very difficult now since our fate is no longer in our hands. Since we lost to Tiffin, we have to win the rest of our conference games while Tiffin has to lose two conference games," said the four-year starter and Portage, Indiana native. "There is a shot, and we [the team] are going to play every game the best that we can in order to be on top at the end of the season," he said. Homecoming would be the prefect opportunity to start redemption again.

The unusually late Homecoming date did not deter the Pumas. Behind a wave of support from a boisterous cheering section, Puma football got back to its winning ways, defeating Great Lakes Football Conference foe Kentucky Wesleyan, 49-28. The Pumas' 49 points were the most this season, earning a sixth victory in a row on Homecoming and proving that this season may only be salvaged if each game is approached one-at-a-time.

The offense came up huge again, as senior quarterback Anthony Lindsey threw a season-high 301 yards on 17 of 25 passing attempts. Freshman running back Jashon Banks led the attack on the ground, rushing for 124 yards on 18 carries, including a 72-yard touchdown

run that set the tempo in the first half. Senior Greg Ford and sophomore running back Terrance Freeman each scored two touchdowns in another classic Homecoming performance. The aerial attack was complemented by senior wide receiver Dan Paulsen, who nabbed six catches for 135 yards, and sophomore Michael Cochran, who got 91 yards on four catches and two touchdowns as well. Despite the opposing point total, the Puma defense came to play on Homecoming. Senior linebackers Fred Blanton and Payne Schoen each got eight tackles, while senior defensive backs DeQwan Young and Lance Burns each got one interception, and standout freshman David Wallace got two picks.

The bottom line is that the Pumas still have a lot of work to do before this season can be labeled a "success." The Pumas are on the road this weekend against new opponent West Chester (Pennsylvania), whose 7-0 record will prove to be another tough test. After West Chester, though, Lincoln (Missouri) and Central State are both sub-.500 teams. DeQwan Young understands the task at hand.

"We [have] some tough games up ahead that we have to win if we want to have a winning

season. You can see improvement in our play recently, and now I think we have the confidence to win these important games," he said.



TOP: Freshman running back Jashon Banks has been a catalyst for the offense. BOTTOM: For senior quarterback Anthony Lindsey, using his "cannon arm" has become a favorite pastime. (All statistics courtesy of SJC Sports Information Department.)

## Volleyball To Honor Lost Teammate This Weekend

By Andrew Costello,  
Sports Editor

Perhaps one of the most difficult things to realize in ones lifetime is the fact that tragedy hits us all. It's a fact that makes every one of us human; we all experience hardship and sadness. Sometimes we just want to go outside and scream in confusion about why bad things have to happen to good people. It's a mystery that some of us cannot even begin to fathom. We can only hope that tragedy does not hit us, and that, for those that tragedy does hit, they overcome it with tremendous courage and patience.

Unfortunately for the Puma family, tragedy struck this past summer. **Kathy Garrigan**, a 2005 graduate and a marquee player on the women's volleyball team, disappeared in late May in the Harding Lake State Recreation Area, about 45 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska. Garrigan was taking a break from her Americorps duties over the Memorial Day weekend to go on a boating trip and campout with several of her co-workers. An amicable and generous person, Garrigan helped train Native American youths about service projects involving the environment as part of the Tribal Citizens Community Corps (TCCC). After over a month of searching, Garrigan's body was discovered on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Kathy Garrigan '05 (third from left) was a big sister and role model to many people. (Photo courtesy of Katie Corley '09)

As a member of the Saint Joseph's College community, Garrigan was very involved, both as a student-athlete and as a woman of service. Garrigan helped guide the Pumas to the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament on two occasions and completed her career as one of the top attackers and a leader in block assists in school history. She coached girls softball and volunteered in her native community of Oak Park, Illinois and even reached out to the community in Rensselaer, coaching the Lady Bombers 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team. She was also a very good student.

Katie Corley, a junior on the volleyball team, had a special connection with Garrigan. Katie's older sister, Krystin, was one of Kathy's classmates and a dear friend, as well. "Kathy was like a second sister. She was a great listener and was there for

me whenever I needed her," said Corley. "Kathy was such a wonderful person and I'm so grateful that I had the chance to get to know her."

One of Garrigan's teammates from the 2004 squad is senior Kristin Wroblewski. Kathy served as a team leader to Wroblewski and remembers her as not only a great teammate, but an outstanding friend, as well. "I am extremely lucky to have had the chance to play with Kathy. She touched people's lives in a way many others couldn't. She was always able to put a smile on your face when things were tough," said Kristin.

To help keep Garrigan's memory and tradition alive, there will be special festivities at the volleyball game this Saturday. A pre-game ceremony will be conducted before the matches against Wisconsin-Parkside; the

ceremony will begin at 2:45 and the match at 3 p.m. The Lady Pumas will also be wearing special warm-up T-shirts that will support the cause, as well.

Although Garrigan indubitably is in a better place now, imitating her courage and selflessness is something that Saint Joseph's College can strive for. As Wroblewski puts it, "Kathy was a beautiful person, inside and out."



Garrigan disappeared over the summer while working with Americorps in Alaska. (Photo courtesy of Facebook group "Prayin for KG.")

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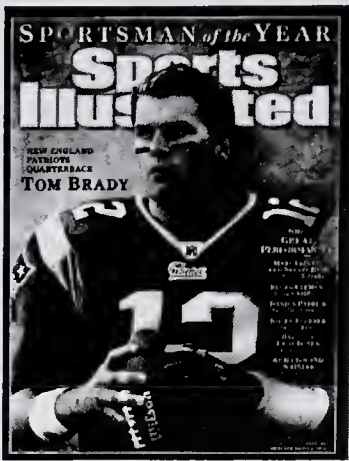
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# Inside the NFL: Part 3

By David Spencer, *Staff Writer and NFL analyst*



Tom Brady already has 27 touchdowns and has become the face of the Patriots' organization.

I asked my editor this week if I could wait until after the Patriots' game on Sunday afternoon to finish my article on the possibility of New England going undefeated. I wanted to wait until after the game to finish the article because I wanted to see what would happen in the Patriots' game and make sure they were still undefeated when this article went to print. Suffice to say, I didn't have to wait very long to realize that the Patriots were not going to lose this week, or for the rest of the season, at this pace.

I watched the beginning of the Patriots-Dolphins game, and the Patriots went up 7-0 on their first drive. Not a big surprise, as the Patriots have scored at will on their first possession of each game. But what really shocked me is what happened when I went to the Cafeteria for lunch. I left my room with the Patriots up 7-0 halfway through the first quarter, but while I was eating lunch, the Patriots were eating up the end zone. When I came back from lunch, there were 6:00 minutes left in the second quarter and the Patriots were up 35-7! As I started to write this article, the Patriots scored again and went into the tunnel at halftime up 42-7.

The game was over before the two-minute warning in the first half. This team is putting games out of reach quickly by scoring points early and often. Their offense has scored no less than 34 points in a game, and the last few weeks they have been scoring above 40 consistently. The 1998 Minnesota Vikings, who hold the record for most points scored in one regular season with 556, have one thing in common with the seemingly unstoppable 2007 Patriots: Randy Moss.

While Tom Brady may be considered the rocket launcher of the Patriots' offense, no one is more explosive than Randy Moss. Many fans wondered if Moss was even going to be a factor with the Patriots this season after being traded for a fourth-round draft pick by the Raiders after two underwhelming seasons with Oakland. He has answered all of his critics by being the most dominant receiver in the NFL.

Back in 1998, the Minnesota Vikings drafted Moss from Marshall University with the 21st overall pick. Other teams refused to draft Moss because of his disciplinary problems off the field in high school and college. Highly recruited by Notre Dame and Florida State, Moss was charged with battery in 1995 coming out of high school and later tested positive for marijuana, thus ruining his opportunities to play for a big college football program. Moss made his mark, though, at Marshall, setting school records in every receiving category and keeping up the pace in the NFL

by leading the '98 Vikings to a 15-1 record, catching passes from Randall Cunningham and playing alongside Hall Of Famer Cris Carter. The Vikings lost in the NFC Championship that year to Atlanta surprisingly, but their 15-1 record was the best in franchise history. Moss caught 17 touchdown passes that season, a record for a rookie.

This season, Moss has 10 touchdowns after 7 games and is on pace for 22 touchdowns. And just like those '98 Vikings, the Patriots are on their way to set the record for most points in a season. They are averaging 38 points a game and could score 621 when it is all said and done. By comparison, Moss's former team, the Oakland Raiders, scored 168 points last year. What's the difference? Well, here's the story of a man named Brady.

Brady is having the best season of his already legendary career with a passer rating of 128.9 and a league leading 8.7 yards per pass. He's spreading the ball around to Moss, Wes Welker, Dante Stallworth, and Ben Watson, while managing the game and not turning the ball over. He has 26 touchdowns and only 2 interceptions. Last week, after New England's 48-27 victory over the previously undefeated Dallas Cowboys, Randy Moss was quoted after the game with the question, "I've always said, 'Peyton Manning has his receivers, why can't Tom Brady have his?'" Well, now he does.

Hold the presses! As I write this, Tom Brady just threw another touchdown pass to Wes Welker in the fourth quarter of the Dolphins' game. That is his sixth of the day, and his 27th of the season. He's one touchdown away this season of equalling Rex Grossman's touchdown total for his entire career. "It's truly amazing what he's doing, but the numbers don't lie," Patriots veteran safety Rodney Harrison said of Brady. "I've had a chance to play with Ryan Leaf, and I've had the chance to play with Tom Brady, and every time I see him I want to give him a hug." If you have Brady on your fantasy team, you may want to give him a hug, too. Finishing the Miami game 21 of 25 for 354 yards and 6 touchdowns, the numbers show

that Brady threw more touchdowns than incompletions.

Brady's numbers are impressive, but the only numbers that matter in the NFL are the Win-Loss records, and so far this season, the Patriots' have a big donut in the Loss column. They are 7-0 and show no signs of slowing down. If anything, the Patriots seem to be getting better as the season progresses. Their special teams are making plays, their defense is holding onto leads, and their coaching is unpredictable and unrelenting. With nine games left to play, the big question is: Can they go undefeated?

The 1972 Dolphins are the only NFL team to finish a season undefeated and win the Super Bowl, but they played at a time when the regular season was only 14 games long. Today, the Patriots have to play 16 games before starting the playoffs, pushing the possibility of an undefeated season to an unprecedented 19 straight victories in one season. The Patriots also have a record for consecutive wins with 18 straight regular season victories over the span of the 2003 and then the 2004 season. The Patriots had won 21 straight games between the regular season and the post-season during that span. However, the NFL only counts regular-season wins in determining the consecutive wins record, so the Patriots' streak officially stands at 18 games.

The 1985 Chicago Bears were the biggest threat to run the table and break the '72 Dolphins' undefeated record. Walter Payton and the Bears won their first 12 games before losing to Dan Marino and the Dolphins in Week 13 on Monday Night Football. The Bears recovered, however, and finished the regular season 15-1 before outscoring their playoff opponents 91-10 with defensive stars Mike Singletary, William "The Fridge" Perry, and Richard Dent, winning Super Bowl XX. In 1998, John Elway and the Denver Broncos won their first 13 games on the heels of a 2,000 yard season by running back Terrell Davis before losing to the Giants in Week 14, but went on to win Super Bowl XXXIII. And in 2005, the Indianapolis Colts won their first 13 games before losing to San Diego in Week 14 and then losing to Pittsburgh in the playoffs after the suicide of Head Coach Tony Dungy's son. Several teams have come close to the undefeated season, but none have matched the 14-0 regular season of the Miami Dolphins. Can the 2007 Patriots do it? As of the time of this writing, the Indianapolis Colts have a chance, too, starting out 6-0 pending their Monday Night contest at Jacksonville. New England and Indianapolis play each other November 4<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis. If either team is to go undefeated, they will have to go through each other.

## Puma Soccer Profile: Trisha Mazzotta

By Andrew Costello, *Sports Editor*



Trisha Mazzotta has been a phenomenal player for the women's soccer program the past four years. A midfielder, Mazzotta has started in over 50 games as a Puma. (Photo courtesy of SJC Sports Information.)

**1. Full Name:** Trisha Elizabeth Mazzotta

**2. Age:** 21

**3. Favorite Food:** Lasagna or Gnocchi

**4. The Waynes Brothers or Jamie Foxx:** Jamie Foxx

**5. Montreal or Toronto:** Montreal

**6. If I could change one thing about Rensselaer it would be....** more restaurant choices.

**7. Favorite quote:** "Dream as though you'll live forever, live as though you'll die today." - James Dean

**8. Favorite late-night snack:** My roommates have turned me on to kettle popcorn lately.

**9. Worst job experience:** Flagger for a Construction Company.

**10. Career plans:** Elementary School Teacher, completing a Masters Degree, becoming influential.

**11. Finish this song from a famous musical: "Oh Matchmaker, Matchmaker....**match me a match, find me a find, catch me a catch.

**12. Britney Spears is....**Gonaherpasyphillys infected.

**13. Can you "Crank dat Soulja Boy"?** No Doubt.

**14. Greatest Obstacle overcome in life:** Living in the U.S.

**15. Role Model:** My Grandmother.

**16. Proudest moment as a Puma:** Beating nationally-ranked NKU for the first time in 4 years this year.

**17. What's one thing most people don't know about you?** I am fluent in French.

**18. Bulls or Pacers:** Neither, Raptors!

## Cross Country Teams Compete at GLVC Championship

By Clark Teuscher '00, *Sports Information Director*

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's cross country teams put themselves to the test at Saturday's Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships, held at Butler University.

The SJC men's team placed eighth out of 11 squads, improving on last season's finish by two spots, while the Lady Pumas placed ninth out of 10 teams to equal their effort from 2006.

The Pumas scored 218 points in the men's meet, while the University of Southern Indiana won its fourth straight team title with 41. USI's Paul Jellema was also the GLVC individual champion, completing the 8,000-meter (five-mile) course in 24:48.

Naza Sanchez (Fr., Rensselaer, IN/Central) crossed the line in 26:26 to place 26th overall, followed by Corey Spriggs (Fr., Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle), who finished 33rd in 26:46. Also scoring for SJC were Matt Leonardo (Sr., Chicago, IL/St. Laurence), 50th in 27:13, Andy Rogers (Jr., Remington, IN/Indiana State Univ.), 63rd in 27:53, and Val Ploetz (RSo., Cedar Lake, IN/Hanover Central), 73rd in 28:08.

The SJC women's team tallied 187 points, as the University of Wisconsin-Parkside scored 46 to take first place. UWP's Jessica Lamp placed first individually, turning in a time of 21:38 on the 6,000-meter (3.75-mile) course.

Ashley Moore (Sr., Clarksville, IN) was 16th overall, leading SJC with a time of 23:30. Jenna Helton (Jr., Waterloo, IL) placed 42nd in 24:29, and was followed across the line by Kim Woodruff (Sr., Michigan City, IN), 44th in 24:38, Tiffani Sawmiller (So., Wapakoneta, OH), 47th in 24:43, and Jacqui Mohr (Jr., Crown Point, IN), 55th in 25:17.

SJC is off until Nov. 3, when it travels to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championships.



The men's and women's teams finished 8th and 9th, respectively. (Image by GLVCsports.com).



# Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Sage Sukey



## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Halloween is coming up and that means the undead will walk the streets again, and you are good friends with all of them, aren't you? Please remember to bathe afterwards. You don't want others to comment on how you smell like death.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Pick up the Stephen King novel again and start making notes about the parallels in your life this Halloween. Your life is a mix of Buffy: the Vam-pire Slayer and Dawson's Creek with the right amount of paranormal and love triangles.

## Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

All is fair in love and war but the other side likes to play dirty. All Hallow's Eve is your chance to scare the crap out of your enemies in your ghoulish attire.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

Those creative blocks come out of nowhere, don't they? It doesn't matter, though, as you prepare for Halloween and piece together your costume from scraps of your daily clothes. Who said this wasn't creative?

## Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

It's not like you can't bend a few rules to get that costume you've been looking at for a while. Everyone pulls pranks on Halloween, so I'm sure the Walmart won't notice your new pregnant gut on your way out of the store.

## Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Undecided on what to wear still for that Halloween bash your planning? For starters, you can go as the Emperor in your birthday suit. Some will rethink their friendship with you, so goes as your favorite superhero instead.

## Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)

So you got caught for conspiracy to commit murder on whoever interrupted your free time. This doesn't stop you from decorating the place in a gorish fashion to frighten the poor sucker to death without actually killing them yourself.

## Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Keep those little embarrassments to yourself this week. You don't want to frighten anyone before the day they are supposed to be scared, do you? Wait until Halloween to confess that scary secret you've been dying to share.

## Cancer (June 21-July 21)

Start pulling together that cosplay outfit you've been waiting to show everyone. The countdown has started - your time to prepare is limited with your busy school schedule and social life.

## Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)

You love Halloween. You get to dress up and hide behind the mask of a Storm Trooper and say what you really want to that annoying kid who sits in front of you during class. Just don't forget that we are creatures of habit, and if you don't change where you sit, they are bound to know it was you.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

Well, forgiveness didn't come soon enough, but you can always lighten the mood again with that obscene costume you've been planing. You better hope it doesn't offend anyone else, though.

## Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)

With a love for law, your best option for this year's Halloween will probably be dressing as a famous lawyer or criminal. O.J. Simpson and Martha Stewart make great costumes.

## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for Oct. 26  
(219) 866-2222

fountainstonetheaters.com

### 30 Days of Night

Fri: 4:20, 6:30 (R)

Sat: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30

Sun: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30

Mon-Thrus: 4:20, 6:30

### The Game Plan

Fri: 4:40, 6:50 (PG)

Sat: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50

Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50

Mon-Thrus: 4:40, 6:50

### The Heartbreak Kid

Fri: 4:30, 6:40 (R)

Sat: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40

Sun: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40

Mon-Thrus: 4:30, 6:40

### The Comebacks

Fri: 4:50, 7:00 (PG13)

Sat: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00

Sun: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00

Mon-Thrus: 4:50, 7:00

### The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising

Sun: 2:50, 5:00 (PG)

Mon-Thrus: 5:00

### Resident Evil: Extinction

Sun: 7:10 (R)

Mon-Thrus: 7:10

Coming Soon

Saw IV  
10/26

## Overheard

*If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!*

I'm the red light in the red light district.

What the hell is a fricitive?

Get your finger out of my hole!

The Church has nothing against second base.

I said pet, not caress.

She's French with spices.

**Person 1:** God is not a pervert.

**Person 2:** No, but he did make them.

I've heard better things from a bolgna sandwich.

When you bend them backwards, they're easier to break in.

The Universe as we know it is a gas bubble in the intestines of a cosmic hippopotamus.

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**SVF Looking for a Warm Hearted Lover**  
Must enjoy being bitten and receiving pain from unlikely sources. Is sexy, witty, and undeniably succulent. Will steal your heart away from the rest of the world.

**Attractive Corpse Looking for a Girl with Brains**  
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Cover from My Chemical Romance's Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge album.

## Completely Random Facts

In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War

II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

The dot that appears over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

## Nota Bene

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Albert Einstein  
(1879-1955)

## Events Around Campus

### National Colligate Alcohol Awareness Week

Sponsored by Housing and Campus Life

**Thursday, October 25:** *Game Night with Drunk Goggles*  
Test out your skills at Twister, Cards, Relay Races, Bags, and more... with drunk goggles! 8 p.m. til midnight in the Halleck lounges.

**Friday, October 26:** *Mocktail Night at Core XI*  
Free mocktails of all kinds in Core XI. Open to all students from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m.. Sign ups for the Dart Tournament and Basketball Game Tournament inside.

### Relay for Life

When: October 26, 6 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Where: Northern end, IM Field  
What: Fundraiser for Cancer Cup o' Joe also open for support of participants

### An Evening at the Opera

Cask of Amontillado

The Medium

When: October 25-27 at 8 p.m. in the Theatre